



**City of Amesbury**  
**Lakes and Waterways Commission**  
**Meeting of Dec 19, 2013**  
**Location: The Ale House**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Commission members present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Alex Pooler, Jay Knapp, and Laura Pooler

*Secretary:* Ken Aspeslagh *City Engineer:* Peter Manor

The meeting began at 6:52 PM.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from November were approved unanimously.
2. **Engineer's Report:**
  - a. Lakes: Attitash and Meadowbrook 2/10<sup>th</sup> inch higher than drawdown level. Lake Gardner was down until we got a lot of rain. Gate is at minimal level (2 feet down.)
  - b. Grant: Still risk of not getting funded as state could change mind but not likely. Needs matching work from DPW. Grant money to be used to build BMP structures for storm water; projects probably already prioritized by CEI (mostly stuff on Whitehall Rd.) Greenscapes is also in the grant.
  - c. Pete got email from a Con-com member asking to not salt around Lake Attitash.
  - d. Pete is in support of a Lake Gardner Beach management plan. Should include:
    - i. Sand nourishment.
    - ii. Trimming of locust trees.
    - iii. Pulling out sand (working on land under water) would require a Chapter 91 permit from the state.
    - iv. Plan should be approved by con-com.
3. **Millyard update:** Ready to break ground on \$431,000 (bid price) cleanup phase. DPW building will be coming out. Water St to be relocated where old building is to add more parking and straighten road. New DPW has broken ground. Funds for finishing the design and design changes being withheld.
4. **Membership:** Have a new person who is interested in L&W (Justin.) Tom Murphy still planning to help.
5. **Watershed management plan:** continued until next meeting.
6. **Invasives:** Would be nice to know the status of the Attitash effort.
7. **Lake Updates:**
  - a. **Bailey's Pond Update:** Development project has approval, but plan has so many stipulations that it's unlikely to move forward. Jay actually owns pond, dam, land around it, water flowing through the culvert, but not the culvert itself. Jay says, there's not a weed in the pond and is full of fish.
  - b. **Lake Gardner:** Bruce would like to send thank you notes to the people who helped with the testing when applying for the grant.
  - c. **Lake Attitash:** no update
  - d. **Clark's pond:** nothing happening
8. **Election results:** Bruce should wait to have a meeting with Mayor Elect Gray until he settles in.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting is Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.